

CITY OF NEWTON

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

TRAFFIC COUNCIL ACTIONS

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008

Note: A full meeting report summarizing the Council's discussion and public testimony regarding each agenda item will be posted on the City website within two weeks following the above meeting date.

#TC20-08 ALD. HARNEY on behalf of Tom Koerber and Lasell College requesting (363-07) parking restrictions on Lake and Myrtle Ave in Auburndale. (Ward 4) [10-23-07 @07:53 P.M.] **HELD 2/28/08**

APPROVED (4-0). "No Parking" restriction on the north (Lasell College) side of Myrtle and the west (Lasell College) side of Lake Avenue between Woodland & Myrtle.

#TC5-08 ALD. BURG requesting consideration of traffic calming measures on (360-06) Derby Street between Cherry Street and Waltham city line. (Ward 3) **HELD 1/18/07**

APPROVE AS AMENDED (4-0). "No Parking" restriction, both sides, on Derby Street between Parmenter and Sheridan, and request for additional directed patrols on Derby Street close to Waltham city Line in the evenings.

#TC18-08 ANNE MARIE DUNNE, 101 Eliot Avenue, West Newton, requesting (361-07) reduction of posted speed limit as well as discussion of possible ONE-WAY street on ELIOT AVENUE (Ward 3). [10-16-07 @12:26 P.M.]

NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0). Note: This decision cannot be appealed. Neighbors or an Alderman may refile a new petition. Traffic Council must deny or approve a petition to allow for the appeal process, so that the item can be heard at PS &T.

#TC11-08 ALD. LINSKY, JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT, LENNON, SALVUCCI (258-07) requesting a discussion relative to changing the traffic flow so that the east end of the Lowell Avenue extension would no longer accommodate two-way through traffic into the intersection of Watertown, Crafts, and Lowell Avenue extension (Ward 2). [8-7-07 @3:12 PM] **HELD 11/15/07**

HOLD FOR 60-DAY TRIAL (4-0). Trial to include closure of northbound Lowell Avenue at Watertown Street (passage for emergency vehicles only), restriping of lanes at Watertown/Walnut, a “no parking” restriction for 150’ on north side of Watertown Street east of Walnut, elimination of “No Turn on Red” restriction for northbound Walnut Street at Watertown Street and creation of a new traffic island at the intersection of Walnut Street and Lowell Avenue. Evaluation of the trial will occur at the May meeting.

#TC23-08 ALD. LINSKY, JOHNSON, ALBRIGHT, LENNON, SALVUCCI, MERRILL AND CICCONE requesting discussion relative to addressing the conditions for vehicular operators and pedestrians, especially relating to lines of sight, on the west edge of the intersection of LOWELL AVENUE and WALNUT STREET (Ward 2). [01-03-08 @ 4:37 p.m.]

[See Traffic Council Action for Item # TC11-08 above]

#TC19-08 DAVID KOSES, on behalf of Planning & Development Department requesting study of speed and traffic volumes and recommendations for enhancing pedestrian safety near Angino Farm (Ward 8).

NO ACTION NECESSARY (4-0). The Farm Commission was suggested to work with Anne Phelps to create appropriate warning signage, and work with DPW Commissioner for approval and installation.

#TC31-08 TRAFFIC ENGINEER requesting that the loading zone near 792 Beacon Street (Pier One Imports) be rescinded and replaced with one-hour meters (Ward 6).

APPROVED (4-0).

#TC32-08 TRAFFIC ENGINEER requesting that the three-hour time limit zones on Homer Street near City Hall be rescinded (Ward 6).

APPROVED (4-0).

#TC33-08 TRAFFIC ENGINEER requesting a left-turn only lane for northbound Centre Street at Homer Street (Ward 6).

APPROVED (4-0).

#TC34-08 TRAFFIC ENGINEER requesting a left-turn only lane for eastbound Washington Street at Concord Street (Ward 4).

APPROVED (4-0).

#TC35-08 TRAFFIC ENGINEER requesting that signal controls for the Commonwealth Avenue carriageway intersections with Chestnut Street and Auburn Street be converted to stop controls (Ward 3,4).

HOLD FOR 60-DAY TRIAL (4-0). Trial @ Commonwealth Avenue carriageway and Chestnut Street to include (1) Sign at the median break on the carriageway prior to Chestnut Street that indicates that all traffic must turn RIGHT on Chestnut Street; (2) Turn off traffic signal at carriageway that faces carriageway; (3) Add stop sign(s) and a “Right Turn Only” sign on the carriageway at Chestnut Street; (4) Remove or turn off a portion of the traffic signal on Chestnut Street at the Carriageway that faces northbound Chestnut Street traffic. This will be on the May agenda. The Traffic Council recommended that the Traffic Engineer examine costs associated with creating a separate signal phase for the carriageway at intersection of Commonwealth Avenue & Auburn Street. Evaluation of the trial will occur at the May meeting.